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Chief of Station, Germany

Chief, CIA

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Operational/Routine Name Erase

Frank Josef BACHMANN

1. The following information is furnished by CIC for your possible interest:

a. Subject, born 9 April 1920 in Datteln, currently residing at Datteln/Cestf., Metropstrasse 38, was the Subject of a life screening request made of CIC in April 1956. The screening request indicated that Subject was employed by the Federal Defense Ministry.

b. CIC files revealed that Subject was one of the members of the "Band Bantener Offiziere" in the USIA in September 1945. A former fighter pilot, second Lieutenant, he was held as a POW until 1947-48 and in October 1948 was reliably reported by British Intelligence to have been employed by the USA Political Section in Bonn.

c. The above information (with reference to the British deleted) was passed to the BFF. CIC had inquired of the BFF additional details of how Subject came to be considered for employment by the Defense Ministry (presuming he made no effort to hide his background) and whether Subject's attempt to gain employment was at Soviet or East Zone direction.

2. File traces on Subject are requested by CIC with stress on the following:

a. When did Subject come to West Germany? What were the circumstances?

b. Was he ever fully debriefed by CIA, British Intelligence or the USIA? If so, did he reveal his former employment? Did he reveal any other areas of contact or obligation while in the East Zone?

c. Has Subject been in contact with any known or suspected agents?

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EG 9A-88274, 10 Apr 57 - No traces Frankfurt files.

1. The above inquiries have been made of the FBI and the
the end of stimulating investigation of subject, if possible,
already been undertaken.

2. Mr. [redacted] has been directed to brief AGI on this case
and to provide an information copy of any data received from
the Bureau.

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